



# Willow Cabin Fact Sheet

## Reservation and Use of Willow Cabin

The Willow Public Use Cabin can be rented on a nightly basis during the winter to allow for a variety of recreation opportunities in the Exit Glacier area of Kenai Fjords National Park.

Occupancy of Willow Cabin is by reservation only. The rate per night is \$35 per party. The cabin can be rented after the road to Exit Glacier (Herman Leirer Road) is closed for the winter. Reservations begin on November 1 and ends on April 1. Reservations can be made in person by visiting park headquarters at 411 Washington, Seward, Alaska or by phone at (907) 422-0500.

Reservations are limited to a maximum of three nights per stay. Individuals in the same party are not permitted to make sequential reservations in order to exceed the three-night limit. The permit begins at noon on the first reserved day and ends at noon following the last reserved day. To cancel, notification is required no later than ten days in advance of the schedule trip unless the cabin was inaccessible due to weather or poor road travel conditions. Exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.



### Willow Cabin Checklist

- ✓ Park in designated parking areas.
- ✓ Display your special use permit in cabin window.
- ✓ Turn down the heat when you leave; you can leave the heater on.
- ✓ Take all garbage and personal belongings with you when you leave.

## Park Regulations

Help conserve propane and please report any problems immediately to the caretaker residing at the Exit Glacier Alder Cabin. In their absence, please report to a park ranger or Park Headquarters at (907) 422-0500.

There is NO hunting or trapping permitted in this area.

NO SMOKING inside the cabin. All cigarette butts MUST be packed out with other garbage.

Dogs are permitted only if they are being used for transportation. Dogs are NOT permitted inside the public use cabin or on trails.

Dogs MUST be leashed or harnessed at all times. Animals, such as moose, are stressed by cold temperatures and deep snow, and have been known to charge, run down, injure, or kill dogs.

Cabin users must display their signed permit in a front window of the cabin during their entire stay.



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## Contact Information

### Telephone/Fax

Park Headquarters      (907) 422-0500  
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[www.nps.gov/kefj](http://www.nps.gov/kefj)

# Welcome to Willow Cabin!

## Facilities

The cabin has two private bedrooms. Each bedroom has one bunk bed with mattresses. The cabin is furnished with living room and dining furniture, as well as, cookware and kitchen utensils. A fire extinguisher and smoke/carbon monoxide detector is provided. The cook stove/ovens, refrigerator, and lights are fueled by propane which is provided for your use. Visitors must be prepared to melt snow for water or bring their own drinking water. A vault toilet is available a short walking distance from the cabin. There is no running water or electricity.

## How to Get There

Turn west off the Seward Highway at mile-post 3 and drive 1.3 miles to the gate. Do not park in front of the gate. The closed section of road from the gate to the cabin can be traveled by skis, snowshoes, snowcoach, dog sled, or skijoring. It is approximately seven miles from the gate to the cabin. Contact the park for snowmachine access and conditions. The terrain is flat, with rolling hills. The outwash plain in front of the glacier may have exposed rocks depending on snow depth. There are views of Exit Glacier along the road and from the cabin.

## Winter Recreation

Exit Glacier is approximately 1/2 mile from the cabin. You can ski, snowshoe, dogsled, or snowmachine from the cabin to the glacier. From there, you can travel in the outwash plain, but please be aware that there is a braided stream beneath the snow and boulders of varying size. The area 1/2 mile in front of the glacier is closed to snowmachines.

## Wildlife

Below is a brief list of wildlife that you may encounter while inside the park. Look for tracks in the snow and other clues, but remember not to approach or harass wildlife.

- Mountain goat
- Moose
- Wolf
- Coyote
- Lynx
- Wolverine
- Snowshoe hare
- Red squirrel
- Ermine
- Bald eagle



Other winter activities in the Exit Glacier area include wildlife viewing, ice climbing, and photography.